

Holly Township
Board of Trustees – Special Meeting
Minutes of March 14, 2022

Call to Order: Supervisor Kullis called the special meeting of the Holly Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:02 p.m. Located at the Karl Richter Campus, Holly Area Schools Commons Area, 920 E. Baird St, Holly, Michigan 48442.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members Present:

George Kullis, Supervisor
Karin Winchester, Clerk
Steve Ruth, Trustee
Derek Burton, Trustee

Absent: Mark Freeman, Treasurer

- **Clerk Winchester made a motion to excuse Treasurer Freeman from this evening's meeting. Trustee Burton supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted in favor; the motion was carried by a 4/0 vote.**

Agenda Approval:

- **Clerk Winchester made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Burton supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted in favor; the motion was carried by a 4/0 vote.**

Public Comment:

Chad Gilbert, 9999 Fish Lake Rd., Rose Township
Sandy Miller, 525 W. Davisberg Rd., Rose Township
Dan Johnson, 8635 Tipsico Trail, Rose Township
James Terwin, 825 & 840 Rose Center Rd., Rose Township
Lynn Terwin, 825 & 840 Rose Center Rd., Rose Township
Patrick Klenner, 4294 N Hill Rd., Rose Township
John Rybski, 8005 Tipsco Trail, Rose Township
Don Speace, 7822 Rosemar Dr., Rose Township
Joe Durocher, 1301 W. Rose Center Rd., Rose Township Resident & NOCFA Firefighter
Sarah Minter, 1455 E. Rattalee Lake Rd., Rose Township
Bob Hoffman, Oakland County Commissioner, 2521 Rose Center Rd., Highland
Greg Allen, Rose Township, Resident & NOCFA Firefighter
Gary Young, 867 Deer Valley Rd., Holly Township
Brian Aubuchon, 2430 Grange Hall Rd., Holly Township Business Owner
Joel Idoni, 17346 Timbercreek, Rose Township
Randy Finkbeiner, 15335 Catalina Way, Holly Township Resident & NOCFA Firefighter

Debbie Miller, 7050 Fish Lake Rd., Rose Township Clerk
Mellissa Borden 1301 W. Rose Center Rd., Rose Township
Jeremy Lintz, 17366 Timbercreek Rd., Rose Township Resident & NOCFA Fire Chief
David Misaras, 2150 Ranch Rd., Rose Township
Julius Stern, 1455 Munger Rd., Rose Township
Tina Graves, 16065 Fish Lake Rd., Holly Township
Chris Kettle, 17231 Williams Dr., Rose Township Resident & NOCFA Station Captain

Business:

1. N.O.C.F.A. and All Related Business.

Supervisor Kullis gave an in-depth account of events that have transpired regarding the issues that Holly Township and Rose Township are currently struggling with in regards to the North Oakland Fire Authority. Mr. Kullis has received many phone calls, emails, and visits to his office primarily from Rose Township Residents to discuss their concerns over the potential dissolution of the NOCFA Board. He asked Mr. Dan Johnson to read the email that he had sent Mr. Kullis because it summarized the overall sentiment of the communications he has had regarding this issue. Supervisor Kullis and Clerk Winchester met with the Township Attorney this past week to discuss the options available, and what dissolving the NOCFA Board would involve. Mr. Kullis does not feel that dissolving the Board would be the most beneficial to either of the communities and is eager to resolve the difficulties among the Board Members. Over the course of the 14 years between 2005-2019 total attorney fees amounted to \$8196. Since Peter Stouffer was elected as Citizen at Large, attorney fees for the past 3 years total \$26,997 and additional legal fees are anticipated to be incurred.

Trustee Burton is not in favor of dissolving the NOCFA Board and discussed the financial aspects of the cost to dissolve the NOCFA Board.

Clerk Winchester feels that dissolving the NOFA Board would be a drastic measure and should only be taken as a last resort. The Articles of Incorporation for the NOCFA Board will govern the process of dissolving the Board and it would be a two to three-year process. These documents are available on the website under Code Enforcement Fire Prevention. Her recommendation is to mirror the actions of the firefighters association and request the resignation of Citizen at Large, Peter Stouffer. She firmly believes that if the makeup of the board were to change that there is a possibility that the fire authority could be salvaged. With the disharmony among the members, moving forward in a productive fashion is unlikely given the current circumstances.

Trustee Ruth had questions in regards to the debt that both Townships would incur in the event that the Authority is dissolved.

- **Clerk Winchester read into the record the North Oakland County Firefighter's Association Resolution and made a motion to adopt this resolution which states a vote of no confidence and calls for the resignation of the Citizen at Large, Peter Stouffer. Trustee Ruth supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion was carried by a 4/0 vote.**

Trustee Ruth asked if there were Citizens from Rose Township, and by a show of hands, the majority of the audience was made up of residents from Rose Township. He requested to hear from the public at this time. Supervisor Kullis made a call to the public to make comments prior to a decision being made.

The general consensus of the comments made at this evening’s Special Meeting was that the Citizens and Firefighters were not in support of dissolving the North Oakland County Fire Authority.

Public Comment:

Dan Johnson, 8635 Tipsico Trail, Rose Township

Julius Stern, 1455 Munger Rd., Rose Township

Mary Blanchard, 3444 Old Creek Dr., Holly Township

Adjournment:

Supervisor Kullis adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM.

Nicole Edwards, Recording Secretary

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk